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Unexpected Retirement From Former Dean

By Jenine Zimmers
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After a paid leave of absence during the fall 1996 semester, Joanne Beck, former dean of students, surprisingly announced an early retirement as a senior lecturer of biology shortly after Thanksgiving.

Although Beck was unavailable for comment, Rosemary Barra, professor of biology and chairwoman of the department, said that Beck retired for personal reasons.

Beck, who taught biology at MWC for five years before she became dean of students in 1982, was supposed to return to teaching this semester with two sections of general biology and a seminar on sexually transmitted diseases, a topic she chose.

According to Barra, the department's primary concern upon Beck's departure was finding someone to teach the already scheduled classes.

"The immediate effect was that we had to hire an adjunct to teach the general bios and we were able to switch one of our regular faculty into the seminar," Barra said. "For the future, hopefully we will be able to get some additional staffing to help out with the number of students coming into the department which has been steadily increasing."

Adjunct Professor Jennifer Scott was hired to teach the courses in general biology. Stephen Galik, associate professor of biology, was assigned Beck's seminar class, yet had to forfeit teaching a molecular biology class.

According to Barra, arrangements were made for the students who were signed up for the dropped class, many

of whom were not aware of the change until the beginning of this semester. Galik opted to keep the seminar topic that Beck had chosen since the enrolled students were expecting a class on sexually transmitted diseases.

"It was no big deal whatsoever," Galik said. "The department was in a little bit of a bind and I just happened to be the faculty member whose schedule would best accommodate the problem. There are no complaints [from the students] that I know of."

However, Beck's retirement did have an effect on some biology majors. Elizabeth Bedell was upset to learn that Beck would not be teaching the seminar on sexually transmitted diseases.

"I've met her before, and I was interested in having a class with her," Bedell said. "I've had most of the biology professors already, and I was looking forward to having class with someone new. I got the impression that a lot of people were surprised and disappointed."

Although Bedell was not enrolled in the molecular biology course, she said the cancellation was a disappointment for others.

"It's a great class, and a lot of people were looking forward to taking it. It's a shame," Bedell said.

Although Beck was on a leave of absence for the fall semester, she was to receive a \$50,000 salary for work between Aug. 16, 1996 and May 15, 1997, according to the Office of College Relations and Legislative Affairs. Since she did not return this spring, she received half of this amount.

According to Provost Phil Hall, a paid leave of absence was appropriate.

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Courtesy of Office of College Relations

Joanne Beck

MWC Loses Bid For Montfort Academy

By Sharon Bhagwandin
Bulletin Staff Writer

The National Park Service recently snatched away a prospective and long-hoped for property from Mary Washington College.

"The College was very disappointed to not acquire the Montfort Academy property," said Ronald Singleton, vice president of college relations at MWC. "We wanted to acquire the land for new alumni offices, fundraising offices and seminar rooms."

Montfort Academy is a Catholic school owned by the Daughters of Wisdom Council in New York. The school sits on top of a hill with

historical significance because it served as a lookout for Confederate troops during the Battle of Fredericksburg. This nine-and-a-half-acre property lies east of the college's athletic fields and just south of Brompton, the home of Mary Washington College President William Anderson.

The college had been eyeing the Montfort Academy property for about five years because the directors of the Academy announced future plans to build a new school, said Singleton.

However, the college was not the only interested party with hopes of gaining the land. The National Park Service also has been focused on

acquiring the land for many years. "Montfort has been within the Park Service boundary for about 50 years, and we have been interested in it ever since. It is the Holy Grail of Fredericksburg," said John Hennessy, assistant superintendent of the National Park Service.

Hennessy explained that the National Park Service is mandated by U.S. Congress to maintain the integrity of all historical parks.

Representatives of the Academy accepted the Park Service bid of 1.65 million dollars on Jan. 15, 1997. However, the Park Service was not able to pay the requested amount.

"We are only allowed to pay the appraised amount for the property and that was less than the asking price," said Marti Leicester, superintendent for the Fredericksburg/Spotsylvania National Park Service.

Two local agencies felt that it was necessary to step in to help the Park Service.

Matt Andrews, president of the Civil War Trust, explained why his organization decided to aid in the park's effort.

"We joined with the National Park Service because we saw this as a once in a life time opportunity to acquire an extremely significant piece of land. We were very pleased with the outcome, and we know that the Park Service will be a responsible steward for the property," he said.

Andrews did not disclose how much money the organization would invest because the monetary figures are not yet set.

The Central Virginia Battlefield Trust, Inc. was specifically formed in order to aid the Park Service in acquiring the land.

"We became involved because it was the best way to protect this piece of property for all Americans for all

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Senior Susan Cors enjoys her first time on Fredericksburg's new bus system.

FRED Gives Students Cheap Rides

By Kim Ranney
Assistant News Editor

Mary Washington College students headed home for winter break several days before FRED, Fredericksburg's new transit system, hit the streets on Dec. 16. Several weeks into the new semester the number of student riders remains low.

"People need to learn how to use it," said Conrad Warlick, senior vice president for administrative and student services, who feels that the system will benefit the entire Mary Washington community.

FRED, which consists of 108 stops from downtown Fredericksburg to Spotsylvania Mall, has four set routes which make one hour round trips. Three of those routes stop by George Washington Hall parking lot, just inside Mary Washington's main gate on College Avenue.

"We are extremely pleased that the college has a planned stop on all three lines that go downtown," said Warlick, a representative to

Fredericksburg's Transit Advisory Board.

All four of the routes meet once an hour on the half hour at FRED Central, which is located at the Greyhound Station at 1400 Jefferson Davis Highway. Riders can transfer to any other route for no charge.

While most passengers pay \$.25 to ride FRED, Mary Washington College students ride for free with their college IDs.

Students save their quarters when they ride FRED because the college paid \$25,000 to become a partner in the new transit system. The money was taken from a portion students' tuition, which is set aside for things such as student activities and the athletic department, according to Midge Poyck, executive vice president and acting-president. Full-time students pay \$616 a semester for this general fund, while part-time students pay \$29 per credit hour, Poyck said.

Juniors Erin Golden and Jeff Jennings tested FRED out several days before classes started this semester. After finding out the schedule, the two rode around for awhile, asking the bus driver questions.

"My advice would be to get on somewhere and just ride it. The bus drivers are really informative and helpful," said Golden, an off-campus student who does not own a car. Golden felt that FRED

would be convenient for freshmen, who might not know Fredericksburg very well. Freshman Emily Wilson, a Virginia Hall resident who doesn't have a car, agreed.

"I think it's a neat idea. It can get you to anything you need that's not in walking distance, especially when it's freezing cold," said Wilson, who rode it for the first time last week, to Westwood Shopping Center.

However, Jennings felt that there were many kinks in the system. He expressed frustration over stops that were not listed in the brochure that contains maps of the routes.

The brochure only lists the timed stops of eighteen major points along the four routes. If a rider wants to catch a bus at a stop that is not listed, they should give five to eight minutes leeway from the closest timed stop on the map, according to Transit Manager Rebecca Martin. Jennings also had problems with FRED's hours of operation because of the lack of night and weekend hours. The system runs from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"They obviously can't fit every one's schedule, but they do a good job," said Wilson, who plans to ride FRED to the mall with her hall mates soon.

The system is in "Phase 1", a trial period to get the system running, according to Martin. In "Phase 2," Martin will look at extending the night hours and adding weekend hours.

"This is the beginning of our bus system. We will continue to be looking at community needs and students' needs, such as weekend

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Courtesy of Rebecca Martin

FRED's largest bus boasts 25 seats.

Community Pulls In the Welcome Mat

Civic Association Turns Zoning Ordinance Against College Students

By Nicole LeVangie
Bulletin Staff Writer

Living off-campus can mean living on the other side of the law for some Mary Washington College students. A 12-year-old Fredericksburg zoning ordinance, hailed by members of the community, is causing new problems for students looking to live on their own.

Inadequate parking space and deteriorating property values in the College Heights neighborhood have prompted the community's civic association to take a better look at the 1984 Text Ordinance Amendment.

The ordinance, which limits the number of unrelated residents living in a house, was resurrected in the October issue of the College Heights Civic Association (CHCA) newsletter. It was later discussed at a CHCA meeting on Nov. 20. The forgotten ordinance is controversial and has caused some students to lose their homes.

"The ordinance issue is due up [for review] in January and we, the College Heights Civic Association, are

definitely going to look into enforcing it," said John Tani, student board member on the neighborhood association.

The College Heights neighborhood has expressed concern regarding insufficient parking, excessive noise, and congested traffic, according to Jarvis Harrison, Fredericksburg planning director. The CHCA newsletter addressed the increase in the number of rental properties in the neighborhood and the fact that most have been rented, in violation of the zoning act, to groups of more than three college students.

Ed Curry, president of the CHCA, said that the large number of rentals is causing property deterioration; however, parking is the main issue. Curry said that parking problems are compounded by the college's athletic fields, which border the neighborhood and provide little space to accommodate those who attend the games.

However, the college is not responsible for this problem, said Curry, because it is a state school and is not bound to city zoning ordinances. The conflicting state

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Photo by Karen Pearlman

Montfort Academy, located on Sunken Road, is now owned by the National Park Service.

Police Beat

By Cheyenne Bray
Bulletin Staff Writer

Misc.

On Jan. 20, a student ID was lost at the bookstore.

On Jan. 24, there was an administrative search and seizure of alcohol in Bushnell Hall.

On Jan. 24, burnt food set off the fire alarm in Jefferson Hall.

On Jan. 24, suspicion of drug use in Bushnell Hall led to a consentual search of the premise by the police. No drugs were found.

On Jan. 25, a third party sexual assault report was made to the police.

On Jan. 25, a student ID was lost. The owner doesn't recall where it was lost.

On Jan. 26, Christopher Dimmack and David Hancuff, both of Pennsylvania, were charged with trespassing and obstruction of justice in Mason Hall.

On Jan. 26, there was an administrative search and seizure of alcohol in Jefferson Hall.

On Jan. 26, there was a report of a missing animal at Brompton. The animal was later found.

On Jan. 26, some annoying phone calls were made to Bushnell Hall.

On Jan. 27, a suspicious phone call was made to Randolph Hall. Someone calling himself Officer Johnson contacted a student to inform the student that his ID had been found. The police say there is no one by that name on the staff.

On Jan. 27, a person exposed himself on the bridge leading to Seaboeck Dining Hall. The person was described as a Hispanic male between the ages of 18 and 20, with curly hair. At the time he was wearing jeans and a long green coat. After evading police the man escaped in a red van parked on College Avenue.

On Jan. 28, Stacy Broadbuss of Bumpuss, Va. was charged with possession of marijuana at College Avenue and Route 1.

Larceny

On Jan. 20, a gasoline power blower was reported stolen or lost by the Physical Plant.

Illness

On Jan. 23, a student in Mason Hall was experiencing nausea, dizziness, and vomiting. The student was transported to the E.R. by the rescue squad.

On Jan. 25, a student in Virginia Hall was vomiting and was taken to the E.R. by the rescue squad.

On Jan. 26, a student suffering from an injured ankle was transported to the E.R. by the police.

DUI/DWI

On Jan. 25, Jerry Exum of Lakeridge, Va. was charged with a DUI at Route 1 and Mary Washington Boulevard.

On Jan. 25, Jamie Dixon of Fredericksburg was charged with driving with a suspended license at William Street and Sunken Road. This is Dixon's third offense.

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nights," said Warlick.

Martin would like to hold an information session at Mary Washington College to help familiarize the college community with the system.

One thing that riders must pay attention to when trying to figure out the system is the direction that the bus is headed, which is posted on the front of each bus and listed with the times in the brochure, Martin said.

Overall, Martin has been pleased with the FRED's first few weeks of operation.

"It has been fantastic and remarkably smooth for a new operation," said Martin, who runs a staff of 10, that includes eight drivers and two supervisors.

Approximately 250 to 300 passengers are riding the FRED each day, according to Martin.

"Those are very high numbers. I am very pleased," said Martin. Transit numbers are typically lower in the winter months, according to Martin.

Besides helping students get around town, FRED has made life more convenient for some Fredericksburg residents.

"I wouldn't have to use it every day. Just when it is convenient. Because it is easy to get around," said Felicia Weldon, a 23-year-old who rode FRED for the first time last week.

"It's a money-saver," said Weldon, who spends \$6 on cab fare when she shops at Food Lion.

Several other partners have helped finance the new transit system, including: Mary Washington Hospital, who donated \$50,000; Spotsylvania County, who donated \$25,000; and the Silver Company, who owns Central Park, and donated \$25,000, according to Martin.

"I look at it as the private sector and the community supporting us. That's what it takes to make a transit system successful," Martin said.

FRED also received \$500,000 from the state for start-up fees, capital and operations, according to Martin. With that money, a 25-seat bus and four 13-seat buses were purchased. A sixth bus will be purchased in the future, Martin said.

The tan buses are handicap accessible and have bike racks on the front. Local graphic artist, Troy Howell, designed the exterior, to fit FRED's slogan "History In Motion." The images include Mary and George Washington and representations of common people in Fredericksburg's history, according to Martin.

"The buses have a classy look to them that I think represents FRED," Warlick said.

According to Martin, the buses are also equipped with TV's and VCR's, which will feature tapes of local attractions and events.

"We are at the point where the riders make the determination of what we do next," Martin said.



Photo by Kim Ranney

Rebecca Martin, transit manager of FRED, hands out maps of the four bus routes in Fredericksburg.

Call 1-900-MWC-4SEX?

Telephone Prank Isn't Funny For MWC Females

By Christi Waters
Bulletin Staff Writer

In early November, Mary Washington senior Susan Lee was getting ready for class when she was interrupted by a phone call in her dorm room. A male voice on the other end asked if she was willing to answer a few questions for a survey. Not realizing what she was getting into, she agreed.

"He introduced himself, but I didn't pay attention to the name he gave. He said he was with Time magazine and that he was conducting a survey on sexual orientation and habits for an upcoming article," said Lee.

Although she felt uncomfortable, she didn't question the caller's authenticity until he asked for her name.

"I realized then a professional probably would not ask for a name. I refused to give him mine," she said.

After Lee made it clear that she would not give her name, he began to ask her questions. He also told her that she did not have to answer any questions she was uncomfortable with.

"They started out really simple. He first asked if I was male or female, my age and really easy things like that," said Lee. "After that he started to get more direct with questions. He wanted to know at what age I lost my virginity, how many partners I had since then, my sexual orientation, and what habits I had," she said.

Though Lee repeatedly replied "no comment" to all of the questions, the caller continued to inquire into her personal life. Finally, however,

he gave up.

"I think towards the end he got kind of flustered and just decided to give up. It was at this time that I really knew he was not very good at what he was doing," said Lee.

At first, Lee dismissed the call, thinking it was just kind of silly. Lee's friend, who wants to remain anonymous, relayed an almost identical phone sex survey scenario.

"I was doing some work when he called. He sounded really nervous and unprepared when describing the purpose of the call, which was a sex survey. When I asked what organization he was with, there was long pause. That's when I knew he wasn't for real. He said he was with the MWC biology department, but I didn't believe him. After that I hung up," she said.

The two students decided to report the phone calls to the MWC police department.

"They were really nice and cooperative with us. We just wanted to make a report so that this guy wouldn't start harassing people," said Lee.

MWC Police Sgt. Lisa Hudson sent all students an e-mail message warning them about the caller. The police also offered to tap the two students' phones, but Lee and her friend did not feel that that was necessary.

Sgt. Richard Knick warns that harassing phone calls are against the law and offenders can be prosecuted.

"It is most definitely illegal to prank call someone. It becomes a crime when the caller has malicious intent to harm, harass, or annoy the other person. It is a Class 3

Misdemeanor and you can be fined up to \$500," said Knick.

According to Knick this is a crime that takes place at least once or twice a year at MWC.

"We usually have a few reports of prank calls a year. Most of the time the calls are not that serious. There is usually something behind them, like some one's upset ex-boyfriend or girlfriend trying to get them mad," said Knick.

Most students did not realize the extent of the penalty for making prank calls.

"I never realized the severity of pranking someone. I had no clue that you could be fined so much," said sophomore Emily Rudge.

Lee's friend agreed prank calls should not be taken lightly.

"You never know what some have been through. This guy could call someone who would take something like this really seriously and personally. He should be more considerate," she said.

Even though MWC police have not received any other reports of these prank calls, students should still be cautious, according to Knick and Hudson.

"Don't ignore it. Get involved with Residence Life or the campus police for help, and if you're not on campus, call the police and file a report. It's always better to be safe than sorry," said Knick.

Hudson advised that students should always remember not to put with a prank caller.

"You have every right to hang up at any time," said Hudson.

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CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

The Richard Smallwood concert that was scheduled at Mary Washington College on Feb. 2 has been canceled. This event was part of Black History Month.

Mary Washington College Summer Sessions will be held from May 27 to June 26 and June 30 to July 31. In addition, several courses taught in Europe during the summer will be offered. For more information call 654-2140.

1997-98 Financial Aid Packets should be picked up by students who are seeking financial aid for the next academic year. They can be found in the following locations: the financial aid office, the Multicultural Center, the BLS Office, the information desk, Woodward Campus Center, and the Dome Room, Seaboeck Hall.

The Virginia Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators' Scholarships Program will award two annual \$500 scholarships to students with a preference given to students

majoring in criminal justice with have financial needs. The student should have a 2.5 grade point average. Applications may be obtained from the financial aid office in Lee Hall, room 301. The deadline is April 1.

Mary Washington College is seeking entertainers with an ethnic emphasis to perform in the April 5 Multicultural Fair. Contact Forrest Parker at (540)654-1044 for information.

CORRECTION:

The article entitled, "Senior With Tourette's Syndrome Aces Social Tests" that appeared in the Dec. 5 issue of The Bullet was written by Joyce Payne, not Kimberly Jameson.

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But You're Not Closed Yet

Do you get the munchies late in the evening? Are you looking for a place to get a late night cup of coffee?

Well, don't go to the Eagles Nest.

Although the Eagles Nest is supposed to be open until 11, the truth of the matter is that after 10:30 it is useless to go there.

After all, what's the purpose of going there when at 10:40, there is no cappuccino, no coffee, no food at Subversions, and no food at Mesa Jakes.

So basically this leaves students with sodas and cookies. This may be adequate to some students, but for those who want something of substance, or better yet, healthy, that just doesn't cut it.

Considering that this is an educational atmosphere and some students live off of their meal plans, it is really a detriment to the student population to have the Eagles Nest close early. Some students depend on the late hours at the "Nest" in order to get food and drink to keep them going.

Most restaurants and food places stay open until their sign says they close. If a customer walks in at 10:55, and they close at 11, odds are that they will accommodate that customer.

It's a shame that the Eagles Nest isn't more like these places. Perhaps the difference is sales. These other places need to make money in order to stay open. The Eagles Nest is guaranteed as long as there are students attending Mary Washington College.

Gettin' Up Early To Ride The Bus

Fred, the brand new Fredericksburg Transit Service is now off and running. That's definitely a good thing. Lack of transportation is a problem many students here at MWC face.

Now, students can take the bus to the train station, to the mall, downtown, virtually anywhere in Fredericksburg. This is cheaper and more convenient than calling a cab.

However, the hours of Fred are a little less than desirable. It only runs until 8:30pm and not at all on weekends. Now, how convenient is that?

Many students will be left out in the cold with these hours. After all, most students don't even get up before 10 in the morning if they can help it, and late nights are common and frequent.

The bus system is here to help the students, but until they change their hours it won't really be serving the student body to its fullest potential.

Fred officials say that this is only temporary, and that eventually the hours will change. The sooner it changes, the better.

Kudos to Fredericksburg for establishing and accomplishing a bus system, now a challenge to them to give the town hours that are actually convenient.

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Kicking Them Out of House and Home

Residents of Special Interest Houses Await Administrative Decision

By Megan Wills
Guest Columnist

Three years ago, after housing selection had taken place and eight men had been chosen to live in the men's Scholarship, Leadership, and Service House, the college administration decided that Hamlet House would better serve the college as the communications headquarters.

Without any sort of open forum for discussion between the administration and the student body, this decision was made unilaterally, and secretly.

Due solely to a leak of the information 30 hours before the announcement did the students have any time to reply or to take action. In those 30 hours, over 1500 names were signed on petitions to save the men's scholarship, leadership, service house.

Meetings with the administration at that point were just for show, and the men of Hamlet House were displaced. A quick decision by the women of Framar to go co-ed gave the men a place to live.

Since 1994, Framar House has been the co-ed scholarship, leadership, service house.

Today there are five special interest houses on campus. In addition to Framar, there are three language houses (French, Spanish, and German), and Maryce, a women's issues house.

These unique communities offer the residents the opportunity to interact with other students in a friendly and personal living environment which lends itself to the development of close relationships and frequent interaction with other students who share the same interests and commitments to the house goals.

Living in a house rather than a residence hall offers a feeling of family and attachment virtually impossible to achieve in a residence hall setting. Selection for these houses is competitive and a reward for hours of hard work and dedication.

The privilege of living in a house and not in a residence hall is one of the greatest aspects of living in these communities. Because it is a house and not a cold, impersonal residence hall, it fosters a feeling of home that generic residence hall floors do not.

The association of family with house cohabitation leads to the development of feelings of trust and



Cartoon by Dave McKim

affection the separation of residence hall rooms can not do.

The small environment forces interactions with fellow members and encourages the growth of relationships that walking in and out of a residence hall room unnoticed in a hall of 200 strangers cannot accomplish. In a house you are not afforded the opportunity to be anonymous.

In addition to providing the residents a special place to live on campus, the houses serve the community.

The language houses promote activities and awareness of their host cultures.

For instance, they hold conversation hours open to the entire campus, they help sponsor a foreign film festival, and they

enable the language students to become more fluent with their foreign language.

They provide tutoring and general community service, as well as entertaining activities such as a haunted house in Spanish and Monte Carlo night.

Maryce encourages the discussion of women's issues on campus, and are planning to bring speakers to campus which highlight some important women's issues, such as professional success, and women in the work place.

Framar promotes leadership, service, and scholastic excellence on campus. Framar involves the groups on campus through their leaders in community service projects, and creates a network of students from different organizations which facilitates use of campus resources.

The houses are in the process of

creating their constitutions which will develop and enhance their role on campus. The members of these houses love to live in their special communities and feel it is a special honor and a privilege to do so.

However, these special interest houses are facing a similar fate to what Hamlet House did three years ago.

We have learned that the administration is deciding the fate of these houses. A decision will be made in February on what the future will hold for them.

There is a possibility that these special interest communities will be placed in residence hall floors next year, ending the long tradition of students residing in these houses.

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Virginia Hall Resident Tired of Names

By Lydie Kane
Guest Columnist

Last Friday evening I was sitting on the front porch of Virginia Hall, enjoying a long drag of my cigarette, chillin' with my thoughts.

Life was pretty swell at that moment. I was happy to see three boisterous young lads gallivant by, being silly with one another. Unfortunately, my blissful mood was spoiled when a member of the group made an obnoxious comment about Virginia Hall.

"Yeah, somebody just stuck an 'a' at the end of Virginia. It should really be Virgin Hall."

Ha, ha, ha, yourself, punk. I, for one, am sick and tired of these wise ass remarks about where I live. It's old. It's juvenile. It's offensive.

I was just about ready to get up and start screaming, but I knew that would accomplish nothing. I heard my mom in the back of my head telling me to "rise above it" and reminding me that some battles aren't worth fighting.

I don't think I can rise above this anymore. On Saturday afternoon, I was coming back from the Eagles Nest with my roommate, when we noticed that someone had put masking tape over the "i" and the "a" on the Virginia Hall sign by the fountain. Angriily, I ripped the tape off and decided that I was going to vocalize this issue.

I'm not including any "we" in this article. I'm not speaking for anyone else when I say that I find this behavior degrading.

I would just like to say that my sex life, or lack thereof, has nothing to do with where I live.

The jokes referring to Virginia Hall as the "Virgin Vault" the first semester and the "Slut Hut" the second semester contribute to a much larger problem. It's attitudes like these which give the word virgin shameful connotations.

The male population of this school is not on a seek and destroy mission to deflower. The women of Virginia Hall are not the "fresh meat" victims of some anal, masculine conquest. In case you haven't noticed, we are intelligent, strong young women. So leave us the hell alone.

To those who contribute to this pathetic display of high school, chauvinistic, pompous regression, here is a list of some other asinine activities of which to partake if you become overwhelmed by severe ennui. I will add that none of them are disrespectful, however ridiculous they may seem.

1) Stand on your head and try to eat a bowl of Cheerios.

2) See how many shots of espresso it

takes before you bounce off the walls.

3) Name your underwear. Or, you could actually do something productive like, oh, I don't know, maybe get a life.

I realize that I will most likely be accused of being an arrogant feminist by some who read this.

I don't think, however, that this has much to do with feminism. It has everything to do with respect. The women of Virginia Hall are receiving not when they are tormented by these comments. You know what? That's sexism.

Yes, this is an all female residence hall. Yes, we are all first year students. If you must play "Word Search," buy a book. Let us be proud to live here. If you can't, deal with it.

Lydie Kane is a freshman at MWC.

Letters to the Editor

Toilet Training is a Problem in Alvey

Editor:

The morning of December 4th, I woke to the sound of rain pounding hard against my window, or so I thought. I rolled over to face the window, and the sunlight that beamed inward was blinding. It was then that the light-fixture above my bed and the heating duct above my dresser exploded into my bedroom like

unleashed fire hydrants. The fire detector and sprinkler on the ceiling soon followed with their own watery eruptions. The toilet above my apartment in Alvey Hall was overflowing and I had mistaken the sound of rushing water for rain.

After frantically salvaging my belongings and calling the police and physical plant, I began to tally the number of plumbing problems that Alvey Hall has had over the

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FEATURES

Miniature York River Runs Through Combs Hall

By Kim Anderson
Bulletin Staff Writer

A microcosm lurks in Combs Hall. Snails and fish dwell in a 400-gallon tank of murky river water in the basement of Mary Washington's science building.

A red and white "no swimming" sign warns people not to venture into the approximately 12 feet long, four feet wide and three feet deep tank.

The tank is a mystery to Nancy Penick, a senior biology major.

"I think it's a small-scale model of a river. I know some biology students do research on it, but I don't think I've ever seen it [before]," Penick said.



Karen Pearlman/Bullet
Stephen Gough, assistant professor of biology and faculty adviser to students working on the microcosm.

The tank contains a simulated ecosystem. It is a miniature model of an area of the York River, including a shoreline reproduced with sand and plants native to the river, according to Stephen Gough, assistant professor of biology and faculty adviser to those doing research on the microcosm.

"The microcosm is an attempt to duplicate as much as possible the situations in the wild," Gough said. "Our microcosm is very complex. Most microcosms in general are not that complex. We have special bulbs to simulate sunlight. We have temperature regulators and the ability to regulate the tide."

According to senior Anne Simpson, a biology major, the York River is an estuarine river with brackish water. Simpson is doing comparative research on heavy metals in the York River and in the microcosm.

"The microcosm is a simulated ecosystem that is used for environmental impact studies," Simpson said.

According to Simpson, a researcher could simulate an oil spill in the microcosm to determine what effects it would have on the actual river. In a microcosm, a researcher can control different environmental variables such as the weather, to study their environmental effects on the river.

Biology major Tom Small, who has since graduated, built the microcosm three years ago, Gough said. Small wanted to see if he could build a relatively complex microcosm from limited funds.

Small was unavailable for comment, but according to Gough,



Karen Pearlman/Bullet
A portion of the microcosm which is located in the basement of Combs Hall.

the microcosm cost about \$5,000 to build. The money came from MWC undergraduate research funds, but some equipment, such as the bulbs, which simulate sunlight, were donated by the Smithsonian Institute.

"[Small] designed it himself, and we worked on it together. He got a lot of ideas from the Smithsonian's microcosms, but he scaled them down a lot ... It was his big baby, and we worked on it together to get it going," Gough said.

Gough said that since the construction of the microcosm, about three or four MWC students have conducted research on it each semester.

Simpson and seniors Virginia Clarke and Carol Hayes are currently doing research involving the microcosm and the York River.

Both Gough and Rosemary Barra,

professor of biology and chairwoman of the department, said they believe this type of research is critical for a biology major.

"It is an excellent undergraduate research opportunity for students," Gough said. "It involves the whole research process: the scientific method, the idea of being able to engage in both field and lab work ... Research students feel that their research is the most challenging and rewarding because they are doing something on their own."

Barra agreed with Gough on the importance of working on the microcosm as an undergraduate.

"I think [research] is a very important aspect of student training. The microcosm is an ongoing project that allows students to see the difficulties associated with lab-based research, but they also have lots of hands-on research by going to the

York River," Barra said.

Gough said research experience on the microcosm helps students who want to go to graduate school or get a job in biology when they graduate. He said it is even more helpful for students to attend conferences and to present and publish their research.

Clarke recently presented her research at the National Estuarine Shallow Water Conference. Clarke said she hopes that the results of her research, which involves comparisons between phytoplankton in the York River and in the microcosm, will show the validity of small microcosms.

"The microcosm research has enhanced my ability to work with others," Clarke said. "It has helped

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Machines Offer Quick, Easy Sex MWC May Vend Condoms To Students In Residence Halls

By LaRose Fore
Bulletin Staff Writer

Mary Washington College students could soon have the chance to purchase condoms whenever they want.

Early this semester, the students will take a poll concerning the possible installation of condom vending machines in the residence halls. This issue came up during an October MWC Senate meeting.

"The idea is nice and convenient to the students without a trip to the store and without the embarrassment," said junior Susan Hopper.

The poll will ask the students questions such as whether they would use the machines if they were placed in the residence halls.

The poll will also list a few possible places for the machines to go such as outside the bookstore, in Trinkle Hall or in Woodard

According to junior Sara Leedom

of the MWC HIV and AIDS education committee, the idea developed from last year's HIV/AIDS awareness focus group meetings with all freshman students.

The meetings dealt with sex and the safety of sexual activity. The educators discovered that many students wanted easier access and more privacy when purchasing condoms.

"The students wanted to be able to go purchase condoms in privacy without everyone knowing their business," Leedom said.

Pastor Daphne Burt-Carbaugh of the Campus Christian Community and HIV/AIDS education committee said that abstinence was the best solution, but that she was concerned about the students' protection.

"I thought the [machines] idea would be great. After all, it is a great prevention of sexually transmitted diseases and, most important, AIDS," Burt-Carbaugh said.

According to Burt-Carbaugh, people between the ages of 18 and 25 are at the highest risk for HIV and AIDS.

"By offering these condoms to the students in privacy, this will help prevent the STDs from going around," Burt-Carbaugh said.

The health center offers condoms to students, but it no longer opens on weekends, and students cannot get condoms on-campus when the center is closed.

According to Helen Sanders, staff nurse at the health center, students can get seven Lifestyle condoms for a dollar there, but they cannot receive them in private.

"They usually come up to the window and ask for some condoms. ... The only thing we do is write down how many condoms we have sold to keep all of our records up to date," Sanders said.

According to Sanders, many students buy condoms at the health center. If condom-vending machines are put in the residence halls, the health center would simply decrease the number of condoms it stocks.

Many students approved of the Senate's idea. They feel that sex happens, and condoms will make it safer.

"I think that the students will utilize the machines since they are aware of the consequences [of not using protection]," Hopper said.

A student who wished to remain anonymous said that many of her friends engage in unprotected sex because they are embarrassed to buy condoms in a store or from the health center.

According to Jacki Nicol Donaldson, associate director of resident life, condom machines would be beneficial since they would protect students and encourage

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Karen Pearlman/Bullet
Sophomore John Snellgrove skateboards on campus.

Skateboard Dispute Trips Up Campus

By Todd Eckle
Bulletin Staff Writer

Skateboarding is forbidden on campus, according to Mary Washington police. However skateboarders who have been restricted would be surprised to know that the rule cannot be found in the student handbook.

Dean of Students Bernard Chirico said he does not know of any such rule.

"It's highly unusual that we would have a rule against skateboarding any more than rollerblading or bike riding," Chirico said.

However the MWC police have banned skateboarding on campus for several years.

"Our main concern is the destruction of campus property," said Lt. Leigh Collins of the MWC police.

According to the administration, the rule is not recorded in any formal MWC documents, but it exists in campus police training procedures.

It's not a written rule. ... It's just something mentioned during field training," Collins said.

According to Collins, the police only confront skateboarders who are harming the campus, never the ones that are skating to class.

Some students disagree. Sophomore Pat Shipp said police approached him about his skateboard last semester when he was chatting with some friends on campus walk.

"[The police] warned me of their policy as they have in the past and told me that they'd confiscate my skateboard if they caught me again. I thought it was ridiculous since I was just standing there with my board at my feet," Shipp said.

Collins said the rule was made five years ago by Albert Merchant when he was the Executive Vice President of the college. Merchant retired in 1993.

"At the time, we had a lot of kids coming over from the town," Merchant said.

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Don't Forget To Dial Nine

By Matt Lorenz
Bulletin Staff Writer

The number nine inconveniences some MWC residence hall dwellers. Every day, juniors Chrissy Harakal, Amy Wachenfeld and Louise Matejko receive phone calls from people trying to reach Domino's Pizza.

"People just kept on calling, and I couldn't figure out why until I realized that you have to dial nine first to dial out," Harakal said.

Their campus extension is the first four digits of the phone number for Domino's Pizza. When someone attempts to make an off-campus call without first dialing nine, the call reaches their room.

"I would say we get at least two [calls] a night and that's every night of the week. It's not just the weekend," Wachenfeld said.

Senior Peter Silverstein said he has the same problem. His extension contains the first four digits of a popular number 371-PAPA.

According to Silverstein, he receives several phone calls for Papa John's every weeknight. On Fridays and Saturdays, he gets between 15 and 20.

These students' daily routines include periodically saying, "Dial nine first, please."

Silverstein said he has turned the mistakes into a kind of business.

"I used to take orders, and now I get free pizza," Silverstein said. "My friends and I ... used to answer the phone 'Papa John's' because I got the calls so often. ... Eventually the manager called me and said, 'We've got to work out a deal.' Now [Papa John's] just sends me pizzas at no charge."

Harakal and her roommates said they have also thought of playing tricks on mistaken callers.

"When we're in a particularly evil mood, if anyone calls for Domino's, we're going to take their order and tell them to be there," Harakal said with a mischievous giggle.

According to Harakal, sometimes the situation becomes unpleasant when the callers discover their error.

"I have had people who call and when ... they don't hear 'Domino's Pizza, may I help you?' they'll just start yelling, 'I dialed the f---ing wrong number! And I just sit there ... and eventually get hung up on,'" Harakal said.

Alcohol consumption may also lead to problems with rapid dialing.

"I know on the weekend there are a lot of callers who sound inebriated," Silverstein said.

However the students who receive these calls remain good-natured.

"We could have an 'Oops, you called the wrong Domino's number party,'" Wachenfeld said.

Harakal joined in her roommate's joke and said laughingly, "You haven't reached Domino's, but why

don't you come to our party anyway?"

Silverstein said he does not resent the calls either.

"I usually try to be respectful to the people who have called because I know it's an honest mistake," he

said.

These patient students understand the callers' mistake, but they wish it occurred less frequently. They only ask that pizza-craving callers dial nine first.



Karen Pearlman/Bullet

Senior Peter Silverstein gets free pizza from Papa John's.

THUMBS...

UP to Fred, the new bus system, and the fact that it's a free ride for Mary Washington students.

DOWN to Fred, the new bus system, for not running on the weekends.

UP to short drop/add lines this semester thanks to the new scheduling system started last semester.

DOWN to the Eagles Nest for forgetting what the term fast food means.

UP to the film committee for once again having a great selection of films for the semester.

DOWN to the service learning halls that will soon over throw residents living in Madison. Isn't a residence hall supposed to integrate diverse individuals rather than categorize people by their interests?

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Merchant said he did not object to Fredericksburg residents who came on-campus, his main concern was safety on the main walkways, which are often crowded.

"Anytime you have a crowded walk and people zipping by, there is a possibility of harm. In that regard, it's a lot like bicycles, but I never could get anyone to agree with the suggestion to designate a bike lane," Merchant said.

According to Merchant, the rule against skateboards was an administrative regulation that was approved by the administrative council.

Landscape and Grounds Superintendent Joni Wood said she has not noticed any serious damage as a result of skateboarders on campus.

"Even if it was just normal wear and tear, I would still hear about it. The latest damage we had was by bicycle riders in a flower bed. We also get a lot of damage from rollerbladers in the buildings, but nothing from skateboarders," Wood said.

According to Collins, the reaction to the rule has been general compliance. No one has ever been ticketed or arrested for merely riding a skateboard.

"I'm not even sure what the penalty is ... As far as I know, we have never had to pursue it that far," Collins said.

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me to understand the complexity of ecosystems, to apply the scientific method. It has shown me the frustration of research, but it has also been fun."

The microcosm is a self-sustaining system, meaning that the organisms, like fish, mussels, crabs and algae are not fed by the researchers. The organisms live as they would in the York River.

Yet the microcosm still requires a lot of attention. It must be opened and closed everyday, and the temperature must be checked daily, Simpson said.

When school is not in session, someone must still come to check on the microcosm, Gough said.

In addition, some of the machinery

occasionally breaks down, Gough said. Recently two of the three sunlight-simulating bulbs died. New ones should arrive soon.

According to Simpson, fresh water must continually be added to the tank because of evaporation. The machine that can do this has not yet been installed, so the students must pour about two gallons of pure, toxin-free water into the tank every day.

The microcosm is not only a big tank of water. It is connected to many other machines that help to regulate it, including a tidal reservoir that holds delicate organisms that could not survive in the actual microcosm, Simpson said.

Because of the complexity of the system, it may be difficult to move

to Jepson Hall, the new science building which is scheduled to open in 1998.

Gough said he does not know if the microcosm will be completely rebuilt if it cannot be moved to the new building. However he remains confident that the microcosm will survive.

"It will take some time to get [the microcosm] going again, and then it will take some time to get it stabilized so that everything is in balance within the microcosm," Gough said.

Gough said he hopes students will help with the transition.

"It will probably take about a year to get it 'brought back to life,'" he said.

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SPORTS

Sports Briefs

Bullet Player of the Month

George Bunch
Men's Basketball

Bunch, a sophomore forward from Lynchburg, VA, had a tremendous January in helping the MWC men's basketball team to a school-record seven straight wins. He is tenth in the nation in rebounding at 10.6 per game, and is second on the Eagles with 15.3 points per outing. He has had double-doubles in nine of the past ten games, and in one monster night against Gallaudet University, Bunch had career and team season-highs in points (35) and rebounds (18).

Men's Basketball
(Saturday's Game)

Salisbury St. 66, MWC 65

Mary Wash.	FG	FT	Pt	A	Reb
Love	3-6	0-0	8	7	3
Burroughs	0-3	0-0	0	0	2
Kiedrow	3-3	1-3	7	0	0
McCarthy	8-19	3-4	22	3	11
Bunch	6-10	6-8	18	3	16
Zenker	4-11	2-4	10	0	15
Stemberger	0-4	0-1	0	3	2
Faccio	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	24-56	12-20	65	19	53

Salisbury St.	FG	FT	Pt	A	Reb
Prendeville	0-7	2-2	2	4	2
DeRichie	2-9	4-7	10	6	4
Lancaster	5-9	2-2	12	1	7
Clark	0-5	3-5	5	1	4
Cucci	1-1	0-0	0	0	1
Exelby	0-5	0-0	0	0	1
Golden	1-3	0-0	2	2	5
Robinson	7-13	0-0	14	0	3
Johnson	4-11	3-4	12	2	1
Dewiler	2-4	0-0	6	0	1
Gibbs	1-2	1-3	3	0	1
TOTALS	23-69	15-23	66	17	33

HALF: Mary Washington 29-27. 3PT SHOOTING: MWC 5-17, 29% (McCarthy 3-7, Love 2-4, Burroughs 0-3, Stemberger 0-3). SSU 5-25, 20% (DeRichie 2-8, Prendeville 0-5, Dewiler 2-4, Exelby 0-4, Johnson 1-3, Robinson 0-1). FOULED OUT: None. TECHNICAL FOULS: None.

Bullet Sports Staff

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Upcoming Events

Women's Basketball

Feb. 1 at York College of PA, 4 p.m.

Feb. 4 at Catholic University, 6 p.m.

Feb. 7 vs. St. Mary's College of MD at Goolrick Gym, 6 p.m.

Feb. 8 vs. Frostburg St. University at Goolrick Gym, 2 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Jan. 30 vs. Apprentice School, at Goolrick Gym, 7 p.m.

Feb. 1 at York College, 2 p.m.

Feb. 4 at Catholic University, 8 p.m.

Feb. 7 vs. St. Mary's College at Goolrick Gym, 8 p.m.

Swimming

Feb. 1 at Washington & Lee Univ., 2 p.m.

Seven in a Row, Much More to Come

Men's Basketball at Long Last on the Winning Track

By Josh VanDyck
Bulletin Assistant Sports Editor

When interim head basketball coach Rod Wood arrived in Fredericksburg in October, he announced an intention to bring a winner to Mary Washington. At the time, the Eagles were coming off their tenth straight losing season, and were being picked to finish dead last in the CAC. Now, at 8-5 (5-2 CAC) and with a school record seven game winning streak under their belts, the Eagles have made Wood a prophet.

"Ninety-percent of the credit goes to Coach Wood," said sophomore forward George Bunch. "We've worked much harder to win, and it's because he's pushed us."

After stumbling in their first two games, the Eagles stopped Western Maryland 75-67 to start the seven game roll that would include blowouts over CAC rivals Maryland, St. Mary's, and Gallaudet. Though they dropped three in a row to end the streak, the Eagles righted the ship on Tuesday with an impressive 62-45 win over Maryland.

The Eagles winning ways this season are even more impressive considering that the team has lost 12-point scorer Marvin Felix to academics and junior center Erik Burch to injury. This has forced the team, already short on experience, into an eight-man rotation. With few substitutions, several of the starters are seeing heavy minutes.

"That hurts quite a bit, especially when we play

great, deep teams," said Wood. "We don't really have anybody to step in and maintain the same level off the bench."

The Eagles seem to have partially overcome this lack of depth with what Wood calls "100 percent heart and 100 percent mind," a strategy of smart, concentrated effort. He also credits the usually dormant Goolrick crowds with inspiring the team this season.

"They [the fans] give the guys a third or fourth wind, not just a second wind," he said.

On the court, the Eagles are being led by several rejuvenated players. Bunch, who nearly quit basketball after last season, has been a terror inside, ranking tenth in the nation in rebounding (10.6 rpg.) while scoring 15.3 points per game, including a tremendous 35 point explosion against Gallaudet. He has had rebounding games of 18, 16, 15, 13, and 13, while also serving as the team's emotional leader on the floor. Said Bunch of his season:

"This is a breakout year for me. Coach Wood and [asst. coach Rick] Hancock are perfect for me. Coach Wood fires me up, and Coach Hancock keeps the lid on."

The emergence of Bunch has in turn taken some of the pressure off senior Justin McCarthy, the team's leading scorer at 17.4 ppg. and second leading rebounder at 6.8 rpg. McCarthy, the closest thing to a star the Eagles have, no longer has to worry about making every big play himself.



Huyen Campbell

see HOOPS, page 7 Justin McCarthy scans Salisbury State's defense.

Swim Teams Look to CACs

By Eric Gaffen
Bulletin Assistant Sports Editor

This year, the most exciting and anticipated moment of the Capital Athletic Championships might be what creative t-shirt design the MWC team decides on. The women have an 8-1 dual meet record, the men are 7-2, and all indications point towards yet another two marks on the Mary Washington championship tally board.

The women, as usual, have few worries in looking for their seventh consecutive CAC Championship, and are focused on swimming their best times with the hopes of qualifying several members for the national squad. This year's women's team has a legitimate shot at placing in the top ten at nationals if the team qualifiers swim their best. The men's fiercest rival, Catholic University, will be gunning for revenge after last year's defeat, but will probably lack the depth to reclaim the championship.

"I think that it's great that we have so many swimmers that can look forward to swimming nationals, and certainly that is a great goal to strive for," said senior Ginger Newman. "But we still have to go hard in the CACs, and I believe that nearly everyone will drop time, make their best time, and finish off a great season."

While the greatest attention usually goes to the marquee swimmers, the ones who land first-place victory each time they swim, and are invited to

nationals, much is to be said for the less heralded swimmers who take second, third, and fourth place. For those unfamiliar to the format of the CAC Championship, points are awarded to the top twelve places in a given event. It is possible to win a race for your school, only to see more points amassed by a rival squad who finishes second, third and sixth. The key to victory at the CAC's is depth in your team, not singular outstanding achievement.

Last year, for example, the Mary Washington men demonstrated the vital importance of depth by constantly sending two, three, and sometimes four swimmers into the finals, where the top six qualifiers race for the most points. Simply by placing so many swimmers in these races, MWC had guaranteed a significant number of points. Though swimming is called an individual sport, competitions are team-oriented, and it is not necessarily the stars that win meets, but the devoted swimmer that races the race of his or her life to qualify for the finals, and finished fourth, that could make the difference between a championship or second-place.

But will the championship come down to such a small margin of victory or defeat for this year's Eagles?

"Catholic will show, fired up to swim. But the way we're swimming now, we have a chance to cap off a great season with another title," senior

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Huyen Campbell

The Eagles could not soar over the Seagulls on Saturday.

Seagulls Fly Past Women's Hoops

By Annie Wise
Bulletin Staff Writer

The MWC women's basketball team continued to struggle on Saturday, falling to Salisbury State, 76-90. The Seagulls controlled the opening tip and never looked back, breaking open an early lead with their run-and-gun offense and aggressive defense.

"We knew they were going to be a run-and-gun team," said junior co-captain Ashley Seekford. "Our focus was just to get back [on defense] fast enough."

The Eagles showed signs of life several times during the contest, putting together several offensive runs of their own, and at one point coming within two points of the Gulls, 56-54.

The Eagles were led by sophomore guard Andrea Sellers, who finished the night with a game-high 25 points. However, big offensive runs in both halves allowed Salisbury State to regain a solid lead.

Throughout the game the Eagles main weapons were held in check, with the exception of Sellers. Starting center Lindsay Stover, who averages just over 15 points a game,

was held under double digits against SSU, partly due to the Gulls' swarming, physical defense.

"The last few games, the posts have been more on than the wings, but this game the wings were more 'on,'" Stover said.

"We were counting on getting lots of fouls [called on Salisbury State], to draw fouls," said junior reserve Julie Harrison. According to Harrison, Salisbury State has a reputation for getting themselves into foul trouble. Saturday, the Seagulls sent MWC to the line only ten times in the course of the game.

While the Eagles, now 4-9 overall and 2-5 in Capital Athletic Conference play, struggled offensively, they began to regroup late in the second half. Led by Sellers and guard Erika Grace, whose flawless shooting behind the arc sparked an otherwise lifeless offense, MWC cut the lead to ten points with 3:30 left in the game. The Eagles looked hopeful for a last-minute comeback with under two minutes to go, again led

By Sharon Bhagwandin
Bulletin Staff Writer

The Board of Visitors has put a halt to the Athletic Department's plan for the construction of eight new tennis courts at the Battleground, and is currently studying the need for more outdoor sports facilities at MWC.

Mixed feelings surfaced among the BOV at their meeting on Nov. 15, 1996. One board member insisted on student input, another showed concern about environmental issues, and some just could not understand the need for 18 tennis courts on campus.

Jean Hanky, chairwoman of the session of the Buildings and Grounds Committee when the plan was proposed, suggested postponing the resolution until the next meeting in February.

"More information needs to be brought up at the next meeting," she said.

The proposal of adding new courts to the existing ten is not a new one. According to John Wiltenmuth, director of the Physical Plant, an earlier project to add new courts was approved in 1993, but was delayed due to a lack of funds.

Roy Gordon, associate director of athletics, explained that there were three projects approved with one large budget in 1993. When the college received the price bids for each project, all three were no longer possible.

The \$1.2 million plan for eight new courts and the renovation of the existing ten was considerably more costly than the previous plans, according to Wiltenmuth. The project would have been funded by revenue bonds and student comprehensive fees, according to Ronald Singleton, vice president of college relations and legislative affairs.

"For the caliber of the athletic program that we do have, and want to maintain, there are problems with cracks in the court due to settlement, and there are some courts that are not usable in tournament play," Wiltenmuth explained.

Wiltenmuth requested a board resolution to proceed with planning and construction, but the

Board of Visitors felt differently and some opposition arose.

One member suggested scaling the courts down to 12 instead of 18 and then using the rest of the money for other athletic activities.

Athletic director Ed Hegmann missed the BOV meeting and was unavailable for comment, but Wiltenmuth explained the reasoning behind the request to the members of the board.

"I'm not too familiar with tennis, but Dr. Hegmann explained to me that the two additional courts would be added because eighteen courts, or multiples of six, are ideal for playing tennis, especially in tournaments."

Midge Poyck, acting college president, said that the eight additional courts would serve the needs of the students, because they would be able to get more recreational use out of the additional courts.

Abas Adenan, member of the Committee of Buildings and Grounds, pointed out an imbalance in the college's athletic facilities, such as the presence of only one outdoor basketball court.

"I'm curious to know where this desire for outdoor basketball courts is coming from," Gordon said in a later interview, somewhat surprisingly. "We haven't received any calls about that issue."

"Eighteen courts would be nice, but I don't know," Elise Balkin, president of the student association said. "We would probably use them. Sometimes when the courts are full we have to go to Kenmore to play. But I'm not sure if 18 is necessary," she said.

The BOV recalled that students have previously asked for more outdoor basketball courts and resolved to examine that need again. Balkin said that she plans to investigate the issue further this semester.

Since there were questions and concerns, the BOV decided that no resolution would be made on the issue of the tennis courts, and that further analysis was necessary. Wiltenmuth will present a 12 court plan to the BOV in February.

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By Zak Billmeier
& Brian Schumacher

1. Super Bowl XXXI

Well, it was a better game than last year at least. For once, the Vegas line was right on, and while the AFC mounted a better challenge than they have in most recent super bowls, the NFC proved yet again that it is the superior football in the National Football League.

Hcy, AFC fans, at least it was the Packers, a desirable, well-run, small-market team that won. It could have been an incorporation that plays at a stadium named after an incorporation, like the 49ers, or an incorporated, drug-infested group of vigilantes whose stadium has a hole in the roof. i.e., it could have been worse. Of course, it's damn hard to find positives when your team just lost.

The AFC must find an answer to this problem. It's been 14 years since they won a super bowl. Just getting there isn't good enough, guys. History has a way of forgetting who came in second.

2. The Commercials

It was a close call this year, but The Gun has determined that for the tenth year in a row the commercials were more exciting than the Super Bowl. Exit polls taken from drunk Mary Washers coming home from parties Sunday night revealed that despite a relatively close game, the ads still won out.

Experts have cited the Nissan "Pigeon" ad and a variety of Pepsi ads as the ones that tipped the scales. The commercials apparently lost some ground during halftime, when everyone changed the channel to avoid watching ZZ Top, but bounced back in the second half when the Patsies rolled over and played dead.

3. Bill Parcells

All week the analysts compared him to Lombardi, as well as a bunch of other great coaches. He may deserve the eulogy, too, but his current dispute with the New England Patriots' front office is a little ridiculous. Parcells wants, as is all the rage in coaching these days, full control of the team and its operations. Bill, grow up. You've got a good track record, Bill. You made good players great and had tremendous success -- but you didn't do it alone.

Besides that, you'd think that Bill Parcells would want to see if he could get the New England Patriots to the next level. He hasn't done that yet. Instead, Parcells wants more power, more money, and more food at the

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"Everyone's stepped up," he said. "It's now a total team effort." Sophomore point guard David Love has also made a big impact this year, often turning in iron-man, 40-minute games while frustrating opponents with his ball handling and clutch outside shooting. Love, a reserve last season, is averaging 10.8 points per game and leads the team in 3-pointers. According to George Bunch, Love has been the key to the Eagles' success.

"Dave Love runs the show," Bunch said. "If he has a bad game, we all do. He doesn't get enough credit for what he does."

Another unsung hero for the Eagles has been senior post-man Dan Zenker, who has become a strong contributor in the absence of Burch and Felix. Zenker is averaging 8.6 ppg. and 6.6 rpg., helping Bunch anchor the Eagle rebounding, which ranks third nationally. Wood, for one, has been impressed by Zenker's improvement.

"Dan's a smart guy. He saw good things happening, and he jumped on board and became a big part of the team. He's really stepped it up."

Though the Eagles lost three straight games last week, ending the string of wins at seven, the losses did come to powerful Virginia Wesleyan and the CAC's two premier squads, Goucher and Salisbury State. All three teams are extremely deep, and were able to exploit the Eagles' thin bench. In particular MWC struggled with Wesleyan, as Bunch was out with fever, and Goucher, who wiped out the undermanned Eagles in the second half.

The Salisbury State game on Saturday was a different story, however. The Eagles battled the Seagulls down to the final second, losing 66-65 only after McCarthy's hurried last second 12-footer was blocked. Though he struggled to find his shooting touch all game, McCarthy finished with a game-high 22. Bunch added 16 rebounds, and Love committed just 5 turnovers in 40 minutes against the Seagulls' furious pressure defense.

"It was a good loss, if there is such a thing," said Wood of the Salisbury State game. "We'll get better as a team because of it."

As for the rest of the season, the Eagles are hoping to earn a first round home game in the CAC tourney, which would mean a top-four finish in the conference. Right now, the 1 appear to be at least third-best in the conference, behind Salisbury State and Goucher.

"We should be able to win our next eight games," said McCarthy. "Hopefully then we can peak at tournament time, because the CAC champ gets an automatic NCAA bid."

As for the head coach, Wood remains optimistic, if guardedly so. "We need to get to the point where we're playing well night-in and night-out. We're limited in the talent we have, but if we play to the best of our ability, we can win games." And, he adds, "I'd like to finish with a winning record. The kids deserve it, the college deserves it, and the students deserve it. Ten years of losing, that's just unacceptable to me."

B.S. (Bullet Staff) Sports Polls

NBA Hoops

1. Chicago (29)
1. Houston (27)
3. Detroit (20)
4. Seattle (19)
5. LA Lakers (19)
6. Miami (18)
7. New York (10)
8. Atlanta (9)
9. Utah (9)
10. Washington (1)

NCAA Hoops

1. Kansas (30)
2. Wake Forest (27)
3. Kentucky (24)
4. Maryland (19)
5. Utah (16)
6. Clemson (14)
7. Minnesota (13)
8. Clemson (13)
9. Duke (2)
10. Louisville (2)

Hockey

1. Philadelphia (29)
2. Colorado (27)
3. Pittsburgh (23)
4. Florida (22)
5. Dallas (18)
6. NY Rangers (17)
7. Detroit (10)
8. Buffalo (7)
9. New Jersey (4)
10. St. Louis (2)

Biggest Fat Asses

1. Butterbean
2. Nate Newton
3. George Foreman
4. Robert Traylor
5. King Kong Bundy
6. Bill Parcells
7. Oliver Miller
8. Gilbert Brown
9. John Madden
10. William Perry

This week's contributors to the B.S. Poll were: Zak Billmeier (Editor-in-Chief), Brian Schumacher (Editor), and Josh VanDyck (Asst. Editor). Many others wanted to contribute, but were restricted by zoning laws.

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Alex Inge said. Though not all the swimmers hesitate to make a prediction of the outcome.

"I guarantee the fans a victory," says junior swimmer Billy Prout. "Motor" Matt Anderson adds his two cents: "Get on the bus!"

The ladies are coming off of three victories since their Winter Break training in Florida, against Marymount University, Franklin and Marshall, and Gettysburg College. Most recently, the Eagles faced a powerful Gettysburg squad that several times threatened during the meet to hand MWC their second loss of the season. The overall lead changed hand five times during the meet, and the Eagles needed to rely on a strong finish before savoring victory. The 200 breaststroke turned out to be the pivotal race, as the Eagles finished 1-2-3 to claim the lead which they would not

relinquish again, en route to the 110-95 win.

Senior Megan Reese won two races, the 200 Individual Medley (2:14.24) and the 200 backstroke (2:13.96) to lead the Eagles. Other winners were senior Emily Williams in the 1000 freestyle (10:54.07), freshmen Kim Myers in the 200 freestyle (2:01.10) and Mariah Butler in the 200 breaststroke, and the 400 freestyle relay team of Myers, Reese, senior Cynthia Owen, and junior Jessica Green.

Two weekends ago, they thrashed Marymount 114-74 and F & M 120-74, claiming several first place positions: Reese (twice) and Butler (twice), Williams, Green, junior Cindy Davis, and sophomore Carson Wasserman in the Marymount meet, and Myers (twice), Green, and Butler in the Franklin and Marshall meet.

The men dropped only their

second dual meet this season, to Gettysburg College, by the same score of their previous defeat, 105-100. Once again, it came down to the final race, where first place could claim victory. For the second time in as many defeats, though, the Eagle's fell a body length short.

Despite the loss, there were several winners, including seniors Tim Selgas in the 200 butterfly (1:59.43), Steve Smith in the 200 backstroke (1:59.44), and Scott Wagner in the 200 breaststroke (2:17.62). The 400 medley relay team of freshman Jeff DeHart, Wagner, junior Chris Rice and Selgas took first in 3:37.19 while the 400 free relay team of freshman ark Greenleaf, Smith, DeHart and junior Billy Prout also won in a time of 3:19.81. This loss came at the heels of back-to-back victories versus Marymount (120-51) and Franklin and Marshall (110-95).



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by the offensive prowess of Sellers. Still, Salisbury State's early proved insurmountable in the end.

Seekford, the game-high rebounder with ten boards, blamed the team's lack of intensity for the weekend loss.

"We weren't scrappy enough," she said after the game. "We didn't go the extra step to get the loose ball. Our whole game plan was to be as aggressive as possible because we knew they [would be] extremely physical."

Co-captain Stover agrees.

"They out-roughed us," she said in a post-game interview. "They were very physical."

In other women's basketball action, the Eagles faltered against nationally-ranked Marymount University Tuesday night, 81-64. Sellers again led the Eagles in scoring with 14, Seekford added 12, and Stover and sophomore forward Missy Barnes contributed nine points each. Seekford also topped the Eagles in rebounding with eight.

The Eagles next take on York College on the road in conference action on Feb. 1, and travel to Catholic University on Feb. 4.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Insane in the Brainiac!

By Scott Wise
Bulletin Guest Writer

Tuesday evening there was a veritable showcase of the good, the bad and the ugly in the Woodard Campus Center. On Jan. 28, Brainiac, "the good," played at MWC's "ugly" Underground, with The Dismemberment Plan, "the bad," as their opening act.

Occasionally a band comes along that changes the face of music forever. DeSoto recording artists The Dismemberment Plan are not that band. In my years here at Mary Washington I have seen "The Plan" more times than I have cared to. I've never been impressed, and this time was no exception. These feelings are not exclusively mine, but are shared with other Mary Washington students.

Senior Tim McDonald remarked, "These guys again?," while another student was overheard saying, "Oh my God, I don't like it."

The response, however, was not solely negative. Sophomore Steve Charnoff said, "The D-Plan are entertainers in every sense of the word. They're talented, they're funny, and their sound is unique."

Freshman Katy Wright remarked, "I like Travis [Morrison, vocals and guitar] because he's tiny but he makes so much noise."

When I, however, heard Morrison's blindingly loud trombone, I felt like I was at a Nation of Ulysses (the now-defunct D.C. punk/jazz band) show. The latter band's frontman, Ian Svenonius, was a pioneer in introducing the trombone into the punk arena. The only difference is that I like the Nation of Ulysses.

The (debatable) good news is that The Dismemberment Plan's eagerly awaited second album, "The Dismemberment Plan is Terrified," will be out March 17, and the band is scheduled to play a record release party the same

date.

After The Dismemberment Plan came Touch and Go recording artists Brainiac, touring in support of their third full-length record, "Hissing Prigs in Static Couture." Since moving to Touch and Go from Grass Records, Brainiac's production has improved steadily. Their 1995 E.P. was produced by Kim Deal of Breeders/Pixies fame, while "Hissing Prigs..." was produced by Eli Janney of Girls Against Boys.

This quartet from Dayton, Ohio consists of Tim Taylor (vocals, guitar, and keyboards), Tyler Trent on drums, John Schmersal (guitar and keyboards), and Monasterio on bass.

Brainiac's distinct sound was best described by senior Mathias Svalina as being "like Devo on crack." The band plays disjointed indie rock laden with vocal effects, incomprehensible lyrics, synthesizers, and odd time changes. They were absolutely amazing.

Brainiac took to the stage with glam-rock hair, hip-huggers, and platform shoes. In my opinion, they were one of the best-dressed bands I'd seen in a long time. Their set consisted mostly of songs taken from "Hissing Prigs in Static Couture"; however, some songs ("Sexual Frustration," "Fuzzbot") from a prior album, "Smack Bunny Baby," were also included.

To add to their stage show, the musicians' between-song activity involved handing out paper cups to audience members and jokingly responding to random laughter with, "What's so funny? You laughing at me?" At one point, Taylor thanked someone named Marcy "for the coldcut salami sandwiches," although no one seems to know who "Marcy" is.

Despite the crowd being small, those who came and stayed through Brainiac saw an incredible show. Even though the music made one student's tooth fillings hurt, senior Jason Guard commented, "It was nice to have a change of pace in Mary Washington's music scene."

had already positive lyrics) bump itself up to the next level:

Dem a walk with a gun in they hand and a run the town,
All in front a' station, dem a shot man down,
'Cause they've got cold feet, cold, cold, cold, cold feet...

Anthony had seen heartbreaking gun violence in the ghettos of Jamaica and decided an adaptation of Ms. Chapman's song would be a good way to tell the youth to take it easy.

"I see the rising violence and gun crime in Jamaica. Youth, dem so cold nowadays. [Tracy Chapman] didn't write it to mean it that way, so I added some words to it to talk about they cold feet," said Anthony.

The strong Rastafarian beliefs manifest themselves throughout the entire record, but one of the most notable is on "Raid the Barn:"

Emperor Selassie I...
Jah Jah is the only way...
Nobody want to plant the corn,
Everybody want to raid the barn,
Who you a gwan blame it on,
When it is a next man you a depend 'pon?

The extremely hard and driving riddims are truly moving, perfectly matching the masterful delivery.

And it is this delivery that truly separates this release from just any reggae album. Many DJs are currently putting records out that have a good sense of rhythm, but when it comes to vocal intentions, they are seriously deficient. Anthony, however, is miles ahead of competition with his beyond-adequate control. He seems to know just the right points to change up his voice for a mood change. This results in an album that is extraordinarily listenable from tracks one through sixteen.

In addition to his wonderful control, the production is about as on point as one can get. Richard Bell and the Startrail Posse have put together some killer music and riddims that really get to the heart of the mood, whether it's spiritual, powerful, upbeat, or all at the same time. Keeping the production limited to one crew may have been a good idea.

Bounty Killer, a DJ born and bred in Montego Bay, released a pretty strong album last year that some argue suffered from overproduced tracks (by about ten different producers) and that it really didn't showcase Bounty in the best light because of his profanity and sexual references. Anthony takes a shot at Bounty at one point on the album, and though he strongly expresses his opinions, he still shows respect for Bounty as an artist.

"Bounty Killer is a talented artist," Anthony said. "He has a very good range. But I think that he needs to really look on the positive side. When you're at that point [of popularity], you can do a lot for reggae. He's just doing what people know already."

Anthony went into further detail about what Bounty needed to do with his popularity to make that difference in reggae music.

"He needs to create an impact. Something that people not really looking for from a Bounty Killer."

The future seems bright for Anthony, and he has high hopes for upcoming releases.

"We try to get better than we are. We're not trying to go in the studio and record a tune lower than the one that is out there already," Anthony said.

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Above: Tim Taylro, lead singer of Brainiac strikes a chord while in mid-air.

Right: bassist Monasterio performs "Sexual Frustration," one of Brainiac's earlier songs.

Photos by Karen Pearlman



By Ryan A. MacMichael
Bulletin Staff Writer

Shortly before our winter break I had a chance to speak with a young reggae artist named Anthony B. He is releasing his first full-length album on VP Records, one of the largest US-based reggae labels, after making noise with a couple singles, most notably, the controversial "Fire Pon Rome." This single calls names and holds back nothing on some members of Jamaica's government.

Anthony B has been referred to as Garnett Silk's most worthy successor after Silk's untimely death just two years ago. Silk, whose positive message and love for reggae led many to compare him to Bob Marley, died in his early-20's with his mother in a tragic house explosion.

While Anthony's style is different from Silk (he chants, Silk sang), the messages and the vibes are the same: positive every time and questioning all that is evil.

Anthony was brought up in a Christian family but he met up with some Rastafarian elders during his teenage years and converted. His family alienated him for his religious beliefs. Though he has not released a song about his family and their conflicts yet, he plans to.

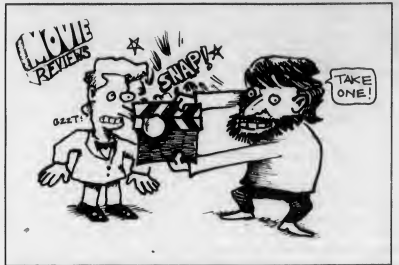
"Well," he said, somewhat hesitatingly, "I did that, but I didn't really record it. Just saving it for the right time."

"So Many Things..." Anthony's debut release, features 16 very strong tracks. Among them, the aforementioned "Fire Pon Rome," which burns with wicked drums a light sample laced overtop. The lyrics are searing with seriousness, the most poignant spot coming with his commentary on a Jamaican political party:

Well out of the slum, the poor people send me,
Said fi look what a gwan and don't disagree,
What is the benefit of the GCP,
It benefit you, but it never fit me.

The chorus for this cut is equally powerful: "Fire pon Rome... black people wan go home, / At Mount Zion is the righteous throne."

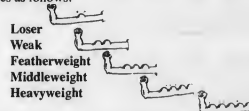
An interesting song bound to turn some heads is his cover of Tracy Chapman's "Cold Feet." Truth be told, I like this version better. The vibes are gripping, and the added chorus helps the original song (which certainly



By Mark Finney and Susan Weiss
Bulletin Movie Critics

As concerned MWC students tired of wasting money on loser movies, Mark Finney and Susan Weiss have decided that it's time to add a movie review column to the Bulletin. They will watch first run movies (hopefully the first week they are out) and review them for you. No, they won't tell you what the movie is all about, but they will give you our opinions of the film and let you go from there. You're probably not going to agree with everything they say. In fact, they hope you don't.

See and Mark have devised a system of rating based not on stars, but on strength. It goes as follows:



This week's movie is "Metro," starring Eddie Murphy, Michael Rappaport, and Carmen Ejogo. It was directed by Thomas Carter and produced by Roger Birnbaum.

Sue's Analysis: No two ways about it, "Metro" wasn't much of a credit to Eddie Murphy and vice versa. Murphy plays a hostage negotiator who gets involved with a mafia-minded psycho out for vengeance. It's got everything we see these movies for: good action, cops worried more about their cars than their lives, and classic "Jaws" suspense. Despite all of these illustrious qualities, it's a no brainer with no surprises, and very typical. This movie is just what you would expect from the wain of Eddie Murphy's film career. "Metro's" one redeeming feature is Carmen Ejogo as Murphy's girlfriend, God bless her. Too bad she had to start off in such a weak film. I will call this one weak.

Mark's Analysis: Eddie Murphy should have stuck with comedies. He is no dramatic actor. Allow me to say that the script could have been pulled off into half a decent movie if it wasn't for Murphy. Not to say that he is a

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WMWC Top Ten List

Place	Album	Artist
1	"New Adventures in Hi Fi"	REM
2	"Nine Objects of Desire"	Suzanne Vega
3	"White Light White Heat"	Social Distortion
4	"First Band on the Moon"	The Cardigans
5	"Odelay!"	Beck
6	"Anti-Christ Superstar"	Marilyn Manson
7	"Among My Swan"	Mazzy Star
8	"Fever In, Fever Out"	Luscious Jackson
9	"Razorblade Suitcase"	Bush
10	"Fountains of Wayne"	Fountains of Wayne

The Top Ten List is compiled by the Music Dept. of WMWC and is determined by the amount of air-play an album receives by the DJs of the station. Questions? Please call the Bulletin at x1133 or WMWC at x1152.

Local Music Scene

George Street Grill
Friday, Babyfat
Saturday, Anxiety

Sante Fe Grill
Friday, Johnny Menace
Saturday, Johnny Menace

Irish Brigade
Thursday, Michael Mulvaney
Friday, Will Gravitt
Saturday, Dixie Palate

Coming Attractions...

Saturday, Feb. 1: Movie, "Space Jam," \$1, 7 p.m., Dodd Auditorium.

Saturday, Feb. 1: Movie, "The Chamber," \$1, 10 p.m., Dodd Auditorium.

Sunday, Feb. 2: Movie, "Space Jam," \$1, 2 p.m., Dodd Auditorium.

Sunday, Feb. 2: Happy Groundhog Day!

Thursday, Feb. 6: 100th Night, seniors only, 7 p.m. to 12 a.m., Eagle's Nest.

Sunday, Feb. 9: Concert, "Fredericksburg Big Band," free, 2 p.m., Dodd Auditorium.





"I have two new year's resolutions: to get a job and a divorce."
-Mark Spencer, junior

"To exercise at least half an hour each day, to be healthier."
-Andrea Valitutto, freshman



What are Your New Year's Resolutions?



"To make school and work my priorities."
-Michael Milstead, junior



"My resolution is to do better with my studies, to bring my GPA up."
-Jennifer Niles, sophomore

"My new year's resolutions are to get an apartment, a job, and a life."
-Jason Gaurd, senior



Photos and interview conducted by Karen Pearlman

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bad actor, the man can perform comedy like no one else. However, when you try to get Murphy to say, "I lost my piece man," with a straight face, you will be facing problems. In the movie's defense, the special effects were great. "Metro's" car chase takes a turn of events which definitely aren't expected. You'll have to see it for yourself (except that they give it away in the preview).

To comment on the film's other actors, Carmen Ejogo does a wonderful job playing the role of Murphy's helpless ex-girlfriend who can't resist his charm. She's probably the only character who gave off that genuine feeling we expect from movies. As for the villain, he is sinister, smart, has a wonderfully evil voice, and is so villainous he even smacks around his retarded cousin.

Wait a second, is this "Metro" or every other cops and robbers movie I've ever seen? Oh yes, it's "Metro" and every other cops and robbers movie I've ever seen. As for a rating, I'm going to call this one weak. Better luck next time, Eddie.

Mark and Sue's Analysis: weak



With Valentine's Day coming up, there is no better time to ask Dr. Opie (our new columnist) all your burning love questions. If you are seeking the "real" answers to the mysteries of love write your questions regarding relationships, love and sex to Dr. Opie, Box MWC-1875.

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"Every time we go to the studio we try to make one higher than the one we made yesterday."

In the title track, "So Many Things," Anthony chats:

So many things to teach right now,
So many things to teach right now,
So many things to teach right now,
So many things to teach right now.

Hopefully he can avoid the tragic fate of mentor Garnett Silk because I have a feeling that Anthony B will reach those heights, and then some.

Anthony B — "So Many Things..."

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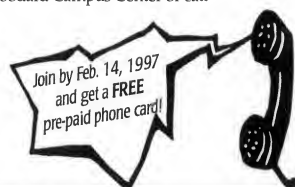
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WELCOME, page 1

and city laws only complicate the parking situation.

A decrease in property values in College Heights is due to loud music, trash in the yards, and late-night parties associated with rental property, according to the CHCA newsletter.

"The big problem is basically that the College Heights neighborhood does not want to turn into a rental neighborhood, which would cause their real estate value to go down," said Tani.

The newsletter questions whether or not the association should continue to tolerate zoning violations and related problems. It also discusses whether action should be taken against the realtors who ignore the ordinance.

Curry said the association's main focus right now is to survey the community in order to determine the residents' opinions on the issue. He does not believe that the CHCA will take any type of action in the near future.

The 1984 Text Ordinance Amendment was established to preserve the character of the single-family residential neighborhood, according to Harrison. The ordinance restricts rental homes to no more than three non-related residents living and cooking as a single housekeeping unit.

Some of the controversy over this issue is centered on the fact that the law is not well-known. The inconsistent enforcement of the law provides some explanation as to why the law has been forgotten. According to Harrison, the ordinance is typically enforced on a complaint basis; there is no one out there actively investigating.

"Rarely do you ever see someone being evicted for this alone. However, if a landlord has another reason they want you out, this is a surefire way to make it happen," said Walter Sterling, an agent with ERA Green-Pates Realty.

Harrison said that, when a violation is reported, Zoning and Planning usually contacts the owner. He acknowledges

that some realtors are aware of the ordinance and yet continue to violate it.

"I suspect it must go on but if there are no complaints, nothing is done about it," said Harrison.

Although it appears to be a forgotten law, several students have still been burned by it. Prospective Hanover Street residents Kirsten Angle, Morgan White, Anne Whitehill and Liz Siciliano, all juniors, lost their house last year when all four showed up to sign the lease.

"How were we supposed to know about it? We didn't know anything until our realtor took away the lease," said Whitehill. "It was incredibly hard to believe at first, especially since we knew so many people living off-campus with more than three people in their house."

Whitehill was not the only one to lose her house as a result of the ordinance. John Carter of Brynpton Avenue and his house mates were evicted when their landlord discovered that there were four more residents than listed on the lease. Carter said his landlord was more concerned with underage drinking than the zoning violation, but he just wanted them out.

The Nov. 20 meeting of the CHCA sought to give students the voice that they had been missing in the College Heights neighborhood. Mary Washington had a strong representation and the students managed to portray themselves very favorably, according to Tani. At first it appeared as though the CHCA was there to point fingers, but both sides made efforts to work together.

Tani said the meeting was in the wake of plans for a new bypass, which would compound the already bad traffic and parking situation. However, Tani acknowledged that this is more of a concern with the college than with the off-campus students.



Photo by Karen Pearlman

Lew Crenshaw watches Ryan Preston practice his golf swing on their littered lawn.

MONTFORT, page 1

time. This way the Park services will maintain the integrity of the park perpetuity," said Enos Richardson, a lawyer from Fredericksburg and president of the newly-founded organization.

Richardson also would not disclose the amount of money the organization will furnish the Park Service with because the monetary decisions were still in flux.

Those who did not help monetarily helped in other ways.

Donna Gentry, assistant director for the Historic Fredericksburg Foundation, said that her organization wrote letters to the editor of the Free Lance-Star showing their support for the Park Service.

Bob Edminston, real estate lawyer for the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites, explained that his organization was not allowed to help monetarily with the acquisition of Montfort Academy.

"We don't do buildings," he said, "but we aided the Park Service by trying to persuade the college about the preservation aspect concerning the historical battlefields."

The bid of 1.65 million was the same bid given by the college. As a matter of fact, the college's bid was the only bid entered by the August deadline, said Singleton.

However, the college decided to withdraw the offer due to unfortunate circumstances.

Singleton said there were two main reasons the school withdrew.

"The integrity of the bidding process disappeared and the acquisition of the land would have been counter productive for good community relations," he said.

According to Singleton, the college gave a bid to the Daughters of Wisdom for 1.5 million for the property and

the Daughters sent the college a letter proposing a counter-offer of 1.65 million. The school accepted.

"We later learned from the newspaper that the Daughters of Wisdom wanted to increase the bid from the National Park Service, also. They wanted to see where they could get the most money. We could have pursued it legally but we did not," Singleton said.

Midge Poyck, executive vice president of the college, quoted in the Jan. 16, 1997 issue of the Free Lance-Star, said, "There was an amounting level of discord in the community," and "it was not a deal we wanted to be a part of anymore."

Singleton said that the college was not willing to raise their bid again and that the report of a

bidding war was false. Despite the loss of a much-desired property, the college has high hopes for the historical site.

Gary Stanton, chair of the department of Historic Preservation and director of the Research Center for Historic Preservation, is satisfied with the decision.

"It's wonderful that the Park Service acquired the land. I'll be very interested in seeing the plans to assimilate this public property, and hopefully they will want to get public comment about any decision they make," he said.

Singleton said it was disappointing that the land was not gained for use in the educational program, but that the college is still pleased with the decision.

"We're glad for the Park Service and its supporters that the land will be available for public use and kept in its current condition," he said.

BECK, page 1

"It is not an unusual situation for somebody who is changing their responsibilities in a major way to take a leave of absence," Hall said.

General college operating funds fronted \$3,000 in order to turn a laboratory area into an office for Beck in Combs Hall. According to Barra, storage space was shuffled around to accommodate the switch.

"Even without the issue of making space for Dean Beck to come back to the department, we would have needed some space anyway," Barra said. Gary Brown, assistant professor of biology, is currently using the office intended for Beck.

Although Combs Hall will not be in use much longer due to the construction of Jepson Hall, Barra said the department was already in need of space for its adjunct professors.

Beck decided to change her position at the college during the spring 1996 semester. According to a Bulletin

article on Feb. 15, 1996, Beck said she felt she had accomplished her goals as dean of students and was ready to move on. According to Hall, Beck was excited about returning to teaching.

"When [Beck] decided to leave the dean's office, she and [President William Anderson] talked about various alternatives and I imagine that retirement was one of the things they talked about, but she decided at that time what she would like to do is return to the biology department," Hall said.

According to Hall, retirement was not what she wanted then, but it is apparently what she wants now.

"She has been working in the Virginia System long enough to be eligible for early retirement," Hall said. "This is what she decided to do rather than to do everything it would take to get up to speed to teach in the biology department."



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